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MS. GRACE: My name is Anna Grace and I live at 113 North Elm Avenue in Webster Groves which is one-half block from the railroad tracks. I'm really grateful for all the people that have been here today. I'm grateful for you presenting this time for us to speak. I think that many minds create better solutions. I think opening this up to a lot of communication makes for a better solution. I know this has been a difficult day for you.

1 [I think that history shows many cultures failing through misuse of technology, and over the years whatever those cultures were, I think we need -- I think we need to learn to use materials wisely. I'm very concerned about this source of energy and the potential for disaster. We don't know all the things that can happen with it and I think we need to know more about it. I'm grateful for all the people that have more knowledge than me. I think the real costs of energy production need to be accounted for, and that includes storage, that includes disease and illness and accidents.]

2 [Where I live I've heard the train whistle. I know the patterns of the train whistles as they go past my house and there have been times in the recent past where those train whistles blow constantly and constantly, and I have run up to the track to see what was wrong. The signals are off and there's people crossing the tracks without knowing there's a train approaching, so that kind of potential is possible.]

1 (cont'd.) [I think that we aren't always aware of earth changes and we don't always pay attention. I think we, all of us, everywhere have to be more responsible for our use of energy in terms of electricity. Why are we having this problem? It's because we use electricity and we want cheap electricity, so we have all these gizmos and gadgets and refrigerators and tape decks and all those things, and the lights. All of these lights are powered probably from Callaway, so we're all personally responsible for this problem in that we use electricity, and if we would get more aware of how we're using our energy, we could cut down some of that use.]

I would like to see much more emphasis put on solar and alternative energy sources now. I think we need to stop producing and dragging this poison out of the ground. I think we need to stop it now. [I had an opportunity to go to Kansas City a few years ago and I happened to pick up a hitchhiker along the way. I sometimes do that when it seems appropriate. And this person talked to me for four and a half hours.]

We talked about many different subjects. He was interspersing this conversation on many subjects with the fact that he thinks the government is really out of control and he thinks that everybody in this country is very undisciplined. I'm a peaceful person and I was going to a religious gathering, so I was praying the whole way because that's where I wanted to be, and when he would come up with this anger and this frustration about the government, I would try to get him to see, you need to look at all the solutions, you need to keep an open mind. But as he got out of the car, he said to me, you will probably hear about me some day, and I said I hope it's about the book you're going to write, and he, no, it's not that, we're really upset about the government and we're going to do something about it. He was going to Denver and I assumed that he was part of a militia group.

I think there are people that are angry and I think there are people who don't think clearly and that possibly the people that don't think clearly are basing their realities on some of the problems that we're having in this country, and I think we need to -- if I had a wish, it would be that we could all just stop and we could all sit in a circle and we could all -- everybody on this planet sit and talk together and figure out the solutions to these problems before more disasters happen, before there's more war, more famine. I think there's enough natural disasters that we can put our attention into correcting when they happen to not be creating more disasters.

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[] I would encourage more time for this, another six month extension at least, and [] I would encourage stopping the production of plutonium and digging it up. I would very much like you to just slow down and let's really look at this.

Thank you.